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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-323 (Canceled)

324. (Amended) A stabilizing composition for a vinyl halide resin comprising:

(a) a metal containing stabilizer of formula I

 $R_n Sn(S)_n (SR')_n \qquad RSn(S)(SR'')$  (1)

in which,

R represents an alkyl group , and

SR' SR" represents a mercaptide ligand

n = 1 or 2

x = greater than 0 to 3, and

x+2v=4 n; and

(b) a mercapto alkanol ester of a carboxylic acid providing a source of mercaptan exceeding that required to saturate which is present in an amount by weight from about 2 to about 25 times the amount by weight of the Sn component of in said metal containing stabilizer and said mercapto alkanol ester are present in an amount effective to stabilize a vinyl halide resin against heat and/or light.

wherein said mercapto alkanol ester replaces from about 20% to about 90% by weight of the metal containing stabilizer and wherein said composition has a heat or

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